



Wisconsin Ag News – Mink



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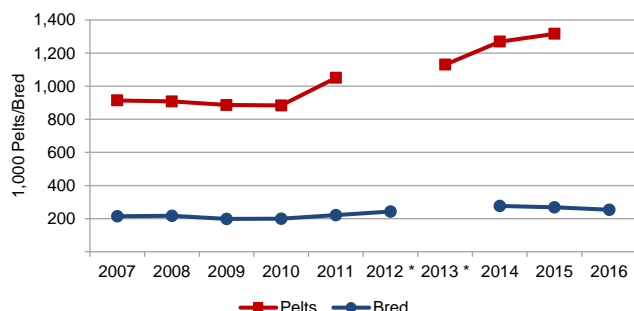
Wisconsin continues to be the leader in the U.S. for mink pelt production and females bred. The State's pelt production in 2015 totaled 1,316,610 pelts. Utah was the second largest producing state with 933,880 pelts. Nationwide, mink pelt production during 2015 totaled 3,749,450 pelts, virtually unchanged from 2014. Wisconsin's production was up 4 percent in 2015 and accounted for 34 percent of the nation's total pelt production.

The percentages of pelts produced in 2015 in Wisconsin by color class were: Black at 59 percent, White, 12 percent, Mahogany at 10 percent, and Blue Iris at 10 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 9 percent.

Females bred in Wisconsin to produce kits in 2016 totaled 254,190, down 5 percent from last year. Utah came in second with 196,190 females bred. Nationally, females bred to produce kits in 2016 totaled 769,060, down 9 percent from 2015. Wisconsin accounted for 33 percent of the U.S. total females bred.

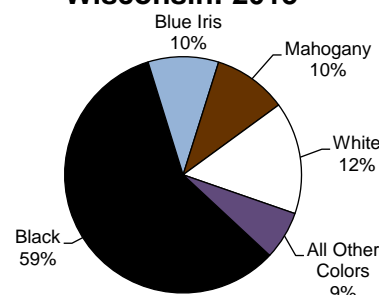
The U.S. value of pelts produced during the 2015 crop year was \$117 million, down 46 percent from \$216 million the previous year. The average U.S. price per pelt for the 2015 crop year was \$31.10, down \$26.6 from \$57.70 in 2014.

**Mink Females Bred and Pelts Produced
Wisconsin: 2007-2016**



* 2012 Pelts and 2013 Bred not available due to Federal government sequestration.

**Pelts Produced by Color -
Wisconsin: 2015**



Mink Females Bred and Pelts Produced – Wisconsin and United States: 2012-2016

Year	Females Bred		Pelts Produced ¹	
	WI	US	WI	US
2012	242,390	769,970	(NA)	(NA)
2013	(NA)	(NA)	1,129,960	3,544,610
2014	276,990	851,530	1,268,760	3,741,150
2015	268,690	848,700	1,316,610	3,749,450
2016	254,190	769,060		

(NA) Not available due to the Federal government sequestration.

¹ 2016 Pelts Produced will be available July 2017.